

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A topical composition in form of a gel for treating skin burns comprising:

a first barrier gel for skin protection comprising

carboxypolymethylene (~~carbopol~~) as a first thickening agent, and

an emulsifier agent, **wherein the carboxypolymethylene and emulsifier agent are** in an aqueous carrier;

a second barrier gel for skin protection comprising

a second thickening agent, and

a preservative agent, **wherein the second thickening agent and preservative agent are** in an aqueous carrier;

an active principle having proteolytic activity;

**chlorhexidine in a pharmaceutically effective amount;** and

an anesthetic agent.

2. (Original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the active principle is papain.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said anaesthetic agent is lidocaine and is present in a range between 1 to 5% by weight of composition.

5. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first thickener agent consists of carboxypolymethylene in an amount between 1.5% and 2.5% by weight of said first gel.

6. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said second thickener agent is carboxymethylcellulose in an amount between 1% and 4% by weight of said second gel.

7. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the first barrier gel is present in an amount between 22% and 28% by weight of the composition, said second barrier gel is present in an amount between 71.5% and 77.5% by weight of the composition or the first gel is present in an amount between 71.5% and 77.5% by weight of the composition and said second barrier gel is present in an amount between 22% and 28% by weight of the composition, the active principle is present in an amount between 0.2% and 5% by weight of the composition, and the anesthetic agent is present in an amount of about between 1% and 5% by weight of the composition .

8. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the first ~~barrie~~ **barrier** gel is present in an amount between 22% and 28% by weight of the composition, said second barrier gel is present in an amount between 71.5% and 77.5% by weight of the composition, the active principle is present in an amount between 0.2% and 5% by weight of the composition, the active principle is present in an amount between 0.2% and 5% by weight of the composition, and the anaesthetic is present in an amount between 1% and 5% by weight of the composition.

9. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the emulsifier agent in said first barrier gel is triethanolamine.

10. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the preservative agent is a mixture of methyl parabene and propyl parabene.

11. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1 additionally containing ~~chlorhexidine and/or urea~~ in a pharmaceutically effective amount.

12. (Withdrawn) A method for treating skin lesions comprising the application on the skin lesion of the person in need, a therapeutically effective amount of the composition according to claim 1.

13. (Withdrawn) The use of the composition according to claim 1 for treatment of local burns, grazes, erythema, eczema, herpes infection, avulsions, superficial sores and any skin damage leading to sloughing.

**14. (Cancelled)**

15. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 2 wherein said first thickener agent consists of carboxypolymethylene in an amount between 1.5% and 2.5% by weight of said first barrier gel.

16. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first thickener agent consists of carboxypolymethylene in an amount between 1.5% and 2.5% by weight of said first barrier gel.

17. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 4 wherein said first thickener agent consists of carboxypolymethylene in an amount between 1.5% and 2.5% by weight of said first barrier gel.

18. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 2 wherein said second thickener agent is carboxymethylcellulose in an amount between 1% and 4% by weight of said second barrier gel.

19. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said second thickener agent is carboxymethylcellulose in an amount between 1% and 4% by weight of said second barrier gel.

20. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 4 wherein said second thickener agent is carboxymethylcellulose in an amount between 1% and 4% by weight of said second barrier gel.